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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

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No.

CLAREMONT, MARCH 8 & 9, 1870,

TOGETHER WITH THE

FINANCIAL REPORT,

AND THE

Reports of other Town Officers:

TO WHICH IS ADDED

A LIST OF THE NAMES OF TAX-PAYERS

WITH THE AMOUNT PAID BY EACH.

CLAREMONT:

PRINTED BY THE CLAREMONT MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
1870.

THE PLACE TO GET BOOKS & STATIONERY.

We do not presume so much upon the ignorance of OLD RESIDENTS IN CLAREMONT as to attempt to inform them who have kept, for the last thirty-five years, and still continue to keep

THE LARGEST STOCK AND BEST VARIETY OF BOOKS AND STATIONERY

To be found either in this TOWN, COUNTY OR STATE; but as people are constantly moving into town, we take this opportunity to say to such, and also to all who do not know that we have moved, that we now have in

BROWN'S WOODEN BLOCK,

Entrance, "first door from the Post-Office, on Sullivan Street side;

ALTOGETHER THE BEST ASSORTMENT of goods in our line, including many

FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS,

ENGRAVINGS and CHROMOS,

Ever offered for sale in this vicinity, and we are selling them so cheap that there is not the slightest prospect of our getting rich and retiring, for, the

NEXT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS,

But, on the contrary, the probability is that we and our successors will be obliged to work while we live and

LIVE BY OUR WORK:

Which puts us in mind that the same men who have worked with us in the business of

JOB PRINTING & BINDING,

And who cannot be approached in the style of their work nor reproached for inferior quality, are still with us, and, as a matter of course, with every day's experience doing better and better work.

But samples of our BINDING being in almost every house in town, and of our PRINTING in every Office and Counting-Room where good work is appreciated, enough has been said to bring

ALL THE PEOPLE

Who do not wish *slop-work* from abroad, at any price, when they can get the genuine article at home, right to the head-quarters of

THE CLAREMONT MANUF'G CO.,

IN BROWN'S WOODEN BLOCK,

Next door to the Post Office, } CLAREMONT, N. H.
on Sullivan Street, }

PROCEEDINGS

Of a legal Town Meeting, duly notified and held, at
Claremont, on the second Tuesday of March, 1870.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Cost..... Moderator.....

Charles M. Bingham.

Town Clerk.

Thomas R. Gowdey.

Selectmen.

Stephen F. Rossiter,

Francis Locke,

Henry Colby.

Treasurer.

Johu L. Farwell.

Collector of Taxes.

James W. Bradley.

Superintendent of Schools.

Osmon B. Way.

High School Committee.

Hosea W. Parker,

ra Colby, Jr.,

Jonathan Tolles,

Osmon B. Way,

William H. H. Allen.

Representatives.

Hiram Webb,

George N. Farwell,

Charles H. Long,

Enoch Johnson.

Hog Reeve.

Charles M. Bingham.

Surveyors of Wood.

Joseph W. Osgood,

J. W. Peirce,

G. W. Blodgett,

Edgar Hapgood,

Jonathan Densmore,

David R. Roys,

Leonard P. Fisher,

Jacob Woodbury,

Charles L. Severance,

John W. Collins.

Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Thomas R. Gowdey.

Sealer of Leather.

Albert Hawkes.

Surveyors of Lumber.

George C. Randall,

B. P. Gilman,

William D. Morgan,

Imla Shedd.

Pound Keeper.

Leonard Jones.

Fence Viewers.

John P. Rounsevel,

Jonathan Densmore,

Edward D. Baker.

Auditors.

Aurelius Dickinson,

Hosea W. Parker,

William E. Tutherly.

Votes for State and County Officers.

For Governor.

Onslow Stearns,	559
John Bedel,	233
Samuel Flint,	83
Lorenzo D. Barrows,	6

For Railroad Commissioner.

Charles P. Gage,	570
Michael T. Donahoe,	238
George Roberts,	73
Henry D. Pierce,	5
Onslow Stearns,	3

For Councillor.

Samuel H. Hale,	574
Frederick W. Lewis,	237
John B. Smith,	73
Moses Johnson,	5

For Senator.

Ira Colby, jr.,	559
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Daniel W. Johnson,	238
Edward D. Baker,	71
Alvah Smith,	5

For County Treasurer.

Thomas P. Smith,	570
Edmund Wheeler,	238
Martin W. Burke,	72
Isaac A. Reed,	5

For Register of Deeds.

Arthur H. Ingram,	571
Eleazer C. Converse,	238
Lyman N. Sargent,	75
Philander Wallingford,	4

For County Commissioner.

William Balloch,	571
Frederick P. Smith,	236
Gilbert Lewis,	61
Mason W. Carr,	4

Appointments by the Selectmen.

Overseer of Poor.

Francis Locke.

Constable.

Alfred Burrill.

Police.

Charles S. Allen.

Engineers.

Henry E. Barrett, Chief.

Edward J. Tenney,

Ira Colby, jr.,

Francis F. Haskell,

William Clark,

Henry Patten.

TAXES.

Amount of State Tax for 1870,	\$9,204 00
“ County “ “	5,676 72
“ For Schooling, by law, “	3,835 00
Money raised by vote of Town for 1870,—	
For Schooling in addition to requirement by law,	1,000 00
Stevens High School,	2,800 00
Highways and bridges (in money),	2,500 00
Support of poor,	500 00
Paying maturing bonds, int. on bonded debt,	7,100 00
Incidental expenses,	3,700 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Street Lights,	250 00

Total Amount, \$37,065 72

VOTES PASSED.

Voted, To give District No. 11 one hundred dollars; then to give each district sixty dollars, including No 11, and the balance to be divided by the scholar.

Voted, To pay Engine-Men five dollars a year, and twenty-five cents an hour when at fires.

Chose Russel Jarvis a committee with authority to look up the tax-book and Collector's bond of Lewis Perry, deceased, and ascertain what money, if any, can be collected on said book.

Number of votes in favor of revising the Constitution, 188

“ “ against revision, 3

Voted, To discontinue the road passing by the house of Tracy Cowles easterly by the house of Edward Stearns, to the road leading from the house of George G. Clark to Moses Purington's.

Voted, To discontinue the road through land of Jacob Woodbury, in Lower Village.

Voted, To raise five per cent. on the valuation of the Town, provided that the building of the Sugar River Railroad from Bradford to the Sullivan Railroad falls through, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Wilton to Windsor, Vt.

Voted, That the Claremont Cornet Band have the use of the Town Hall, when not wanted for other purposes, free of expense to said Band.

Voted, That John S. Walker, O. J. Brown and Russel Jarvis be a committee to make such repairs on the Town House, inside and out, as they may deem proper and necessary.

Voted, That the use of the Town Hall be given to the Grand Army whenever they want the use of it for charitable purposes, if not wanted for other purposes.

Voted, That the different Societies in the town shall have the use of the Town Hall for festivals free of expense, when not wanted for other purposes.

Voted, That the Agricultural Society have the use of the Town Hall when not wanted for other purposes.

Voted, To pay the Moderator ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the Auditors be instructed to report the expense of erecting the Stevens High School-House, including the cost of land, grading, fencing, and incidental, in detail. Also the amounts in detail of receipts on account of said School-House, land and materials. Also the amount in detail of the Stevens High School Fund, and to have the same printed with the proceedings of town meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1870.

VALUATION OF TOWN, APRIL 1, 1869.

Real estate, including factories and machinery,	
\$1,400,542,00, less \$31,110,00 exempt	
by law,	\$1,369,432 00
Personal estate,	667,760 00
Nine hundred seventy-four Polls, \$150,00 each,	146,100 00

Total valuation, \$2,183,290 00

The rate of taxation is \$1,72 in money, and

.095 in labor, on \$100,00.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, and by vote of town, is as follows:

For State Tax,	\$9,204 00
County Tax,	3,870 23
Schooling, as required by law,	3,835 00
Legal expenses,	5,000 00
Paying debts and interest,	7,500 00
Street lights,	200 00
Tax on Dogs,	168 00
District schools, by vote of town,	3,000 00
High school, by vote of town,	3,300 00
Percentage, 04 9-16, per ct.	1,650 33

Whole amount assessed on Town,	\$37,727 56
School house tax in District No. 1,	682 50
“ “ District No. 17,	105 00
“ “ District No. 9,	524 52

Total assessments, \$39,039 58

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury March 8, 1869,	1451 54
Cash from Lebanon Bank taxes,,	78 38
Sales personal property town farm,	1202 84
Rent of Davis place,	135 00
Circus license,	60 00
J. W. Bradley, Collector, tax of 1868,	993 52
“ “ “ 1869,	23,950 00
Sale of Town Farm,	3500 00
Interest on same,	11 25
Use of Town Hall, with gas and wood,	576 25
License, Mazeppa,	10 00
W. H. H. Allen, for fines,	37 00
Keene, Bank taxes,	90 39
Lease Land rent,	46 24
Manchester Bank Tax,	17 21
Co. of Sullivan, pauper account,	777 35
A. Chase, for fines,	11 00
Sullivan Savings Institution, loan,	3000 00
	<hr/> \$35,947 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

For highways and bridges,	1897 74
Schooling, (district schools),	6809 35
Support of poor,	1080 76
Sexton's services,	250 62
Abatement of taxes,	332 85
Building school-houses,	1290 00
Paying debts of town,	5000 00
Interest on town debt,	5245 20
Damages by dogs,	33 00
Building Comm. of Stevens High School,	2000 00
High School Committee,	3100 00
Town officers,	1405 04
Incidentals, including \$2900,00 for monument and park,	6574,53
Fire Department,	495 85
	<hr/> \$35,514 94

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid L. Hitchcock, damage, defective highway,	25 00
Isaac Crossett, do do	78
Henry Barrett, do do	50 00
A. S. Lovejoy, do do	25 00
G. H. Whitcomb, do do	25 00
G. H. Whitcomb, do do	20 00
S. S. Rand, do do	5 00
Jesse Sparling, labor,	2 00
Joseph Weber, printing,	27 91
Austin Perry, labor,	8 80
Wrench and saw dust,	1 50
S. K. West, watering place,	3 00
Haskell & Tolles, curtains, &c.,	8 00
George Murphy, labor on Town House,	1 00
G. W. Blodgett, keeping auction sales,	3 00
Frank Bolio, burying horse,	1 50
Dailey & Gray, lightning rods,	58 28
R. H. Jewett, handcuffs,	3 25
Clar. M'fg Co., Town Seal, books, &c.,	9 92
Richardson & Co., lumber for highway,	213 93
H. C. Freeman, planks &c., for highway	9 0
Haskell & Tolles, glass, &c.,	11 14
Reuben Petty, watering place,	3 00
G. W. Merrifield, books, &c.,	14 15
Monument & Park Com.,	2900 00
William E. Tutherly, wood,	7 00
Chester Benton, wood, &c.,	59 50
Alvah Wood, lumber for highway,	60 68
John McLaughlin, watering place,	6 00
A. Chase, printing,	26 05
M. R. Emerson, bocking,	1 75
Otis F. R. Waite, services,	10 00
L. D. Hall, jr., labor, &c.,	8 41
A. H. Danforth, lumber for highway,	8 03
Charles Parkhurst, insurance,	250 00
Ira F. Chandler, planks for highway,	17 18
Sherman Cooper, medical attendance,	4 00
B. P. Gilman, lobby, per contract,	1950 00
Martin F. Barton, board, &c.,	33 06
U. M. Straw, serving notice, &c.,	2 00
W. H. H. Allen, services and surveying,	40 10
H. L. Hubbard, cost, &c.,	20 24

I. Hitchcock, gas,	350 00
A. H. Danforth, stamps, &c.,	6 50
Simeon Heywood, jack-screw, &c.	7 00
Geo. H. Stowell, nails and spikes,	31 26
A. Burrill, wood, labor &c., T. House,	60 30
Croyden Harwood, lighting gas,	50 00
E. W. Tolles, damage to land,	10 00
G. H. Stone & Co., stove, &c.,	15 96
Ira Colby, jr., legal services,	38 00
Russell Jarvis, lumber on highway,	15 48
M. L. Jewett & Co., provisions, oil, &c.,	5 44
Jacob Woodbury, land damage,	50 00
	<hr/> \$6,574 53

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

M. C. Nichols, J. M. Whipple, filling Res.	6 00
Cash paid Engine men, No. 3 and 4,	400 00
E. H. Jacques, No. 1,	5 00
D. J. Livingston, Steward,	5 00
Richardson & Co., lumber,	2 55
A. Chase, printing,	11 50
Geo. H. Stowell, oil, wood, paints &c.,	21 66
E. W. Tolles, repairing Reservoirs &c.,	80 52
John H. Rugg, Steward,	12 00
M. L. Jewett & Co., oil,	25
Henry Patten, Trimmings,	1 37
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\$495 85

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. W. Parker, Auditor,	18 00
Granville Rowel, Police, 1868,	10 00
Edwin Vaughan, Moderator,	15 00
Geo. W. Blodgett, Constable, 1868,	10 00
Wm. E. Tutherly, Auditor,	6 00
H. L. Hubbard, Police,	34 00
Geo. B. Farrington, "	13 25
R. H. Jewett, "	22 75
Samuel Nevers, Constable	9 50
Samuel C. Bailey, "	8 00
N. W. Brown, "	20 00
J. W. Bradley, Collector,	150 00
Geo. W. Fitch, Constable,	10 00
A. H. Danforth, Selectman,	296 25
" Overseer of Poor,	50 00

John W. Jewett, Selectman,	296 25
Laban Ainsworth, "	285 00
John L. Farwell, Treasurer,	75 00
Charles S. Allen, Police,	25 00
Thomas R. Gowdy, Town Clerk,	51 04
	<hr/> \$1405 04

PAUPER ACCOUNT,

COST OF SUPPORTING POOR.

Due from County, March 1, 1869,	72 23
Cash drawn by A. H. Danforth,	1080 76
	<hr/> \$1152 99
Contra.	
Cash received from County,	777 35
Balance due from County,	69 50
	<hr/> \$846 85
Net cost of supporting poor of town,	\$306 14

STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL.

EXPENSE OF CARRYING ON THE SAME.

Cash paid teachers,	2703 88
Janitor, A. N. Perkins,	200 00
For coal and gas,	349 45
Books, apparatus, printing and stationery,	602 24
Sundries,	130 08
	<hr/> \$985 65
Balance in hands of Treasurer, N. Tolles,	182 35
	<hr/> 4168 00
Contra.	
Cash received from town,	3000 00
Donation of S. P. Fiske,	300 00
For tuition,	133 00
Income of Stevens Fund,	735 00
	<hr/> \$4168 00

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Amount of liquors on hand Mar. 1, 1870, 270 47

Cash paid into Treasury, *1890* 9 82

280 29

Amount liquor on hand Mar. 1, 1869,	166 62
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Profit of Agency,	\$ 113 67
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Amount received for sales of liquor,	\$1338 55
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Paid for liquor,	1101 52
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“ Freight, 27-21

" Gov. Tax,	25 00
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"	Salary of Agent,	175 00
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Paid into Treasury, 9 82

-\$1338 55

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Amount of money raised by law,	3835 00
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by vote of town, 1887, 3000 00

For rent of school lands,	50 57
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Literary Fund,	165 20
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R. R. Tax, (4444444) 4031 74 78

\$7125 55

Paid Superintending School Committee,	125 00
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Net amount for Schools,	\$7000 55
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Which is divided by vote of Town, \$100.00 to each district, and the remainder by the scholar, gives to 1121 scholars \$4.55 each, as follows:

<i>Dists.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Sch's</i>	<i>Dists.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Sch's</i>
No. 1	Wm. Clark,	1378 55	281	12	P. Haubrich,	150 05	11
2	H. Case,	263 80	36	13	S. P. Thrasher,	204 65	23
3	H. P. Shedd,	209 20	24	14	H. C. Freeman,	209 20	24
4	F. L. Barker,	213 75	25	15	Jasper Back,	609 60	112
5	Wm. Ellis,	236 50	30	16	J. S. Bartlett,	150 05	11
6	W. Sargent,	168 25	15	17	Thos. Dart,	1606 05	331
7	C. A. Leet,	268 35	37	18	H. B. Jenkins,	254 70	34
8	C. H. Long,	195 55	21	19	S. C. Grannis,	150 05	11
9	Jas. Young,	318 40	48				
10	L. Gaffny,	140 95	9			\$7000 55	1121
11	S. J. Roberts,	272 90	38				

REPORT of G. N. Farwell, Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Stevens High School:

Cash on hand March 8, 1869,	405 80
Rec'd of Paran Stevens, pay for brick,	519 88
“ A. Dickinson, lumber,	20 00
“ From town, bal. of Appropriation, 2000 00	
	<hr/> \$2945 68
Cash paid on B. P. Gilman's orders,	\$2647 92
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Balance on hand March 1, 1870,	\$297 76

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Bonded debt,	\$86,000 00
Interest from January 1, 1870,	860 00
Interest on Coupons unpaid,	276 00
Unpaid orders,	93 29
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	\$87,259 29

ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury March 1st, 1870,	\$344 61
Due from Sullivan County,	69 50
Due from rent of Cemetery land,	33 75
“ sales from Town Farm,	133 20
“ Collector, 1864, (doubtful.)	120 65
“ “ 1867, (doubtful.)	304 00
“ “ 1869,	3662 60
“ use of Town House,	31 00
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	4669 31

Net Liabilities, \$82,529 98

STATEMENT of the Soldier's Monument and Park Improvement Committee.

RECEIPTS:

By Town appropriations,	3,500 00
E. L. Goddard, for Fourth of July Committee of 1865, principal \$ 47, interest \$ 13,	60 00
Mrs. E. L. Goddard, Treasurer Auxiliary Sanitary Commission prin. \$150, int. 41.25,	191 25
Subscriptions of 1867, prin., \$642.72, int. 95.37,	738 09
Dramatic Company,	94 00
Subscriptions of 1869, as per list,	970 63
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	\$ 5,553 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

To M. Milmore for statue and base, in position,	400 000
E. Batchelder, granite curbing,	250 00
G. H. Stowell, cement, paint and oil,	43 79
C. Benton, sodding, grading, &c.,	157 88
Cochran & Co., concrete,	586 45
Colley & Scott, concrete,	32 00
Proctor, Chaffee and Little, for fence,	310 44
B. P. Gilman and others, for labor,	96 61
Blood & Woodcock, work on tablet,	37 75
Paid for trees, clover seed and stone,	39 05

Claremont, N. H., Jan. 12, 1870. \$5,553 97

B. P. GILMAN, } *Monument* } C. H. LONG,
 E. L. GODDARD, } *Committee.* } J. L. FARWELL,

O. J. BROWN, } *Park Improvement*
 J. S. WALKER, } *Committee.*

ESTIMATE FOR 1870.

The Selectmen recommend raising the following sums, for the year ensuing, in addition to the amount required by law.

Highways and bridges in money,	\$2,500 00
Schooling in addition to the am't required by law,	500 00
Support of Poor,	500 00
Payment of debts and int. of town,	7,500 00
Stevens High School,	2800 00
Incidental expenses,	3,700 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Street lights,	250 00

\$18,250 00

A. H. DANFORTH, }
 J. W. JEWETT, } *Selectmen.*
 LABAN AINSWORTH, }

NAMES

OF THOSE WHO PAY TAXES IN THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, WITH THE AMOUNT OF TAXES FOR 1870.

Abbott, Samuel C	\$ 2 66	Austin, George S	2 66
Abbott, George H	14 69	Angell, S A Mrs	8 85
Abbott, Jonathan E	36 25	Alden, Mary	17 70
Ager, John M	23 22	Ainsworth, Walter H	2 66
Ainsworth, Edward	253 35	Ashley & Dean,	17 95
Ainsworth, Charles H	119 76	Barnes, Elbridge	2 66
Ainsworth, George J	43 01	Bailey, F C	2 66
Ainsworth, Ralph, Estate,	44 25	Barcume, Nelson, Jr	2 66
Ainsworth, Laban	190 80	Bacon, Charles	27 44
Ainsworth, William E	2 66	Bacon, Charles H	2 66
Ainsworth, Oliver A	2 66	Back, Jasper	18 94
Ainsworth, Edwin, Estate,	49 56	Babcock, Shadrach	27 44
Ainsworth, Edward, Guar.,		Bailey, Samuel C	33 28
H. Hubbard,	31 86	Bailey, John	106 70
Albee, Chester E	16 82	Bailey, Erastus B	48 68
Alden, Ezra B	2 66	Bailey, Eaton	4 25
Alden John	2 66	Bailey, Charles E.	2 66
Alden, Thos. W	78 80	Bailey, Charles P.	2 66
Albee & Smith,	10 62	Bailey, E E, Estate	74 34
Allen, Charles S	16 82	Bailey, Silas H	2 66
Allen, William H H	29 21	Bailey, Thomas	71 37
Allen, Charles E	2 66	Baker, Edward D	115 94
Andrews, Alonzo G	2 66	Baker, Cyrus E	29 59
Andrews, Samuel H	43 54	Baker, Horace	16 82
Andrews, Mary T	7 97	Bartlett, Joseph S	53 99
Ashley, James G	20 74	Bartlett, William P	29 49
Atherton, Archibald	3 33	Bartlett, George W	2 66
Atherton, C C	2 66	Bartlett, Rodney	2 66
Atherton, Frederick W	3 26	Bartlett, Gilman	16 82
Atherton, Albert A	52 57	Bartlett, Sylvester N	93 35
Austin, Albert J	13 28	Ball, Charles	37 56
Austin, George H	3 19	Ballou, Ethan	15 68
Austin, Henry E	2 66	Ballou, Joseph L	13 28
Ayer, John	29 67	Bancroft, Nathaniel C	26 59
Ayer, John M C	22 66	Barker, James	8 85
Ayers, George H	29 17	Barker, Frederick L	3 72
Ayers, Ira	31 15	Barcume, Nelson	2 66
Abbott, George H, Jr	2 66	Barnes, Lyman S	76 82
Allds, Lucy C	116 82	Barney, Lafayette M	2 66
Amsden, R & C	17 70	Barney, Harvey	17 66
Ayers, Harvey	2 66	Barney, Harvey, Jr	5 32

Barnard, John M	2 66	Brooks, Hepsa, Estate	21 24
Bascom, Henry	2 66	Brooks, Charles	2 66
Bardwell, Charles	2 66	Briggs, William H	9 74
Barrett, Henry E	55 93	Briggs, Joseph G	18 59
Barrett, Lucy	5 32	Briggs, Arnold	46 91
Barrett George	34 52	Briggs, Arnold & Co	407 10
Barrett, Augustus	71 69	Briggs, Frederick A	16 82
Backus, Mrs G H	24 78	Briggs, J G, 2d	9 74
Bell, John	3 26	Breck, Henry	134 31
Belknap, Darius	24 78	Breck, William	166 20
Benton, William	20 92	Breck, Charles P	16 82
Benton, Chester	26 20	Breck, Robert	92 75
Bennett, Cyrus	38 09	Buckman, Russ	27 08
Bigley, William H	2 66	Buckman, Halibut	2 66
Bingham, Charles M	101 42	Burbee, Daniel	20 36
Blake, John	53	Burbee, Joseph	18 94
Bingham, William	2 66	Bunker, J M	2 66
Blake, John S	15 05	Barnard, Robert R	40 89
Blake, William F	2 66	Burris, Alfred	10 97
Blake, Seth	2 66	Burns, Thomas	15 58
Blake, Ann G	23 90	Burns, William	16 04
Blodgett, James,	5 32	Burris, Mary	10 62
Blodgett, Albro	48 32	Burbank, A S	13 28
Blodgett, Albro & John	85 37	Burt, Rowland, P	15 58
Blodgett, John	2 66	Butler, Patrick	24 07
Blodgett, George W	21 59	Butterfield, A R P	4 14
Blood, Ormond D	2 66	Blanchard, Isaac	71 61
Blood & Woodcock,	17 35	Baron, Joseph	2 66
Bliss, A G	2 66	Boyd, Charles H	8 89
Bond, Daniel	49 10	Bouches, John	3 65
Blodgett, Esther	8 85	Booth, Simeon	8 85
Bond, Job	57 06	Blake, ——— Guardian	40 71
Bond, Oliver	2 66	Balcom, George L	301 60
Bond, Nathan, Estate	35 40	Barnes, Susan M	15 93
Bowker, Daniel N	41 49	Brewer, James P	53 10
Bowker, Daniel, S	2 66	Baptist Society,	57 53
Bowman, Ruel R	38 41	Blanchard, Mary A	14 16
Bowman, Selwin R	2 66	Brainard, Sophia	14 16
Bowen, Charles	2 66	Barrows, Nathaniel	2 66
Bowen, Edward J	6 73	Bargerion, Isaac	2 66
Bradley, James W	33 81	Booth, Oscar	2 66
Bradford, Rufus C	18 59	Bryant, Joseph	53
Bradford, G A	12 39	Brown, Sophronia	10 62
Brown, Oscar J	258 42	Burril, George H	2 66
Brown, Aaron	13 28	Ball, Albert	2 66
Brown, Luther	8 68	Briggs, S E	2 66
Brown, George E	2 66	Breck, William, 2d	2 66
Brown, Nathaniel W	31 01	Bond, Charles H	2 66
Brown, Henry C	2 66	Brown, Horace H	29 21
Brown, Martha	21 24	Brown, Sherman	2 66
Brooks, Jonas	2 66	Bingham, Mrs C M	65 49
Brooks, John	45 85	Bowen, H S	26 55
Brooks, Levi	20 36	Brogan, Barney	2 66

Barnard, Edward	2 66	Clark, Francis	13 81
Butler, Hiram	2 66	Clark, E W	3 72
Bennett, James	2 66	Clark, A J	2 66
Blake, David A	2 66	Clark, John's Estate	14 69
Bairon, Lewis	2 66	Clark, Zilpha H	26 55
Burnam, Samuel	40 53	Clement, Fred	2 66
Bailey, Victor	2 66	Clement, Laura C	41 95
Barboo, Elick	3 08	Clough, S A	8 85
Brian, Michael	2 66	Coffrin, William	13 28
Burns, John	2 66	Cotton, Charles	50 20
Boyd, R H	2 66	Cone, Charles E	10 12
Burbee, Dexter	2 06	Cooper, Sherman	27 79
Bradley, James W, Guar	46	Cook, Charles C	2 66
Bailey, William	82 84	Cook, James A, Estate	35 40
Baker & Hurd,	7 08	Cook, Eliza, Mrs	19 83
Blodgett, Calista A	10 62	Cook, Horace	2 66
Caffrey, Christopher	12 81	Collins, John W	7 97
Caffrey, James	23 22	Collins, Eli D	3 08
Carleton, Stephen	12 04	Colby, Ira	90 73
Carlton, Rufus	18 23	Colby, Henry	109 00
Carlton, John	13 28	Colby, Ira, Jr	22 13
Carlton, Thoda	21 74	Colby, S Maria	7 08
Case, Harvey	15 97	Colby, George J	2 66
Carleton, George	10 62	Colby, Gilbert F	2 66
Cassady, Richard	2 66	Converse, George	2 66
Cassady, James E	47 93	Cossitt, John F	99 44
Cating, Richard	11 26	Cossitt, H & E R	53 10
Cating, James	13 28	Cowles, A T	20 36
Canty, Daniel	12 04	Cowles, Tracy	147 87
Carroll, Thomas	5 13	Cowles, Albert	84 78
Chamberlin, J B	2 66	Cowles, Rebecca J	103 55
Chase, Carlton, Estate	86 73	Corey, William A	2 66
Chase, Willard W	18 94	Carey, Edward	8 19
Chase, Arthur	5 36	Carey, Joseph	5 36
Chase, Elijah B	2 66	Colburn, Sanford	15 12
Chase, Dudley T	62 55	Colburn, Truman	3 01
Chase, Levi R	25 67	Conley, William	2 66
Chase, Austin C	2 66	Converse, Ephraim, Estate	32 28
Chase, Austin C, Executor	17 70	Crowther, Samuel	3 29
Chase, Garafilia D	3 54	Crowther, Mary	7 08
Chaffin, John W	76 92	Conly, Mrs Michael	20 85
Cressey, Albee	7 97	Cummings, A R	39 83
Chapin, Bela	44 75	Cutting, Freeman	126 48
Chellis, Freeman S	66 24	Cutting, Denison F	2 66
Chellis, Elias	27 44	Cummings, Mary C	14 16
Chellis, John	4 43	Chandler Henry	1 77
Chellis, Serena M	8 85	Chicoine, Antoine	2 66
Cheeney, Joseph	8 53	Cushing, Israel	3 36
Cheeney, Ira D	3 12	Charon, Frank	7 89
Childs, Alvin	22 13	Connor & Reordon	10 62
Childs, P C	8 39	Claremont Aqueduct Co,	17 70
Clark, William	77 00	Claremont Mill Co,	300 90
Clark, George G	47 33	Claremont Manuf'g Co,	745 52

Claremont Bridge Co,	97 35	Danforth, Samuel H	12 99
Congregational Society	88 50	Dart, Thomas	31 51
Cross, H G P	82 98	Dane, Bede G	7 08
Cutting, Francis M	10 62	Daily, James	2 66
Case, Harrison	2 66	Daily, John F	2 66
Case, Horace	3 29	Davis, Samuel W	2 66
		Davis, Sylvester	42 20
Claremont, National Bank—		Darling, Frederick	2 66
Non-resident stockholders		Dean, Noah	3 54
of, as follows:		Dean, Horace	80 11
Ainsworth, James E	23 01	Dean, Thomas H	2 66
Brown, Enos	17 70	Dean, Albert	11 51
Brown, Cynthia E	8 85	Dean, Josiah W	94 27
Bailey, Roxanna R	7 08	Dean, George	2 66
Colby, Emily	26 55	Deane, J W & M G Wood,	44 18
Colburn, J W	7 08	Dean, Mrs Caleb	3 54
Dodge, Abram	8 85	Dean, Edward C	17 70
Dodge, Martha L	17 70	Dean, George H	44 14
Ellis, Eliza L	1 77	Densmore, Jonathan	51 08
Ford, Mary S	17 70	Densmore, Caleb	30 98
Freeman, John T	17 70	Densmore, Gilman, Estate	3 96
Goss, Lucinda	7 08	Dunsmoor, Fred W	168 43
Kimball, George	44 25	Dunsmoor, James	7 15
Metcalf, Martha	8 85	Dunsmoor, Charles	30 59
Sanford, Thomas	53 10	Dickinson, Aurelius	281 25
Rice, Rufus, Estate	15 93	Dickinson, H A	2 66
		Dickinson, H A & Co	17 70
		Dimond, Jacob D	34 76
Coocher, Joseph	13 28	Dimond, Hannah F	35 40
Caruthers, John	2 66	Dodge, David	42 65
Chaffin, Delia	7 08	Dodge, William	2 66
Collins, E W	2 66	Dodge, Austin C	43 62
Currier, Hiram G	2 66	Dodge, Nathaniel B	2 66
Cressey, John	2 66	Dodge, E W	2 66
Chase, Frederick C	2 66	Dodge, William W	2 66
Crowther, Summersgill	2 66	Dodge, William, 2d	3 36
Carey, Thomas	2 66	Dodge, Helen A	10 62
Cooley, Edward	2 66	Dole, Charles	6 66
Chambers, Daniel	2 66	Dole, George W	26 91
Chambers, Lewis	2 66	Dole, Edmund	62 31
Charon, David	2 66	Dole, Lemuel	10 62
Claremont Linen Co,	53 15	Dole, John A	2 66
Colzac, St Jermain	2 66	Dowling, E H	13 81
Clark, Dorr	2 66	Donnegan, Patrick	3 19
Chase & Ainsworth,	41 42	Donnegan, John	15 58
Crane, D F	2 66	Draper, Eli	12 39
Carey, Andrew	1 06	Draper, J H, Estate	17 80
Cummings, Paul	35 05	Drury, N L	25 24
Carlin, James,	2 66	Drury, George L	2 66
Clark & Danforth,	10 62	Drury, H H	3 72
Catholic Church, Dennis		Duncklee, Jacob	24 78
Daily, Agent	14 16	Duncklee, Edwin	20 36
Danforth, Albert H	32 75	Duncklee, Calvin	3 08

Dustin, Mighill	156 36	Farwell, George N	509 94
Dutton, Benjamin	2 66	Farwell, R W	62 13
Dutton, Aaron	46 94	Farwell, James H	2 66
Dooley, William	6 20	Farwell, John L	58 41
Dutton, Newell T	2 66	Farwell, William H	33 03
Dailey, Dennis	2 66	Farrington, Ichabod	5 67
Day, Hiram A	1 77	Farrington, John S	98 09
Duff, James	12 35	Farrington, George	11 51
Delmage, Virginia, Mrs	5 31	Farman, Samuel L	30 80
Dutton, Ormond, Estate	5 31	Farman, J G	8 85
Demming, Eliza, Mrs	31 86	Fairbanks, Abel S	2 66
Dow, Prentiss	99 54	Fairbanks, George W	2 66
Donaldson, James	2 66	Fairbanks, Patience	10 62
Duran, Mary	28 32	Farnsworth, Daniel	44 61
Daulton, James C	3 08	Farnsworth, L R	28 60
Donelan, Thomas P	20 36	Fiske, Samuel P	183 76
Davis, Benjamin H	2 66	Fisher, Leonard P	198 66
Dow, Robert R	144 26	Fisher, Charles A	55 61
Dunham, Edward	2 66	Fisher, A C	2 66
Daulton, John H	2 66	Fitch, Paul	45 14
Darling, Warren K	2 66	Fitch, Henry, Estate	60 18
Dunsmoor, Joseph	2 66	Fitch, George W	38 06
Dearborn, John T	2 66	Fitch, Henry C	4 07
Doty, George	3 90	Fitch, T J	43 01
Densereau, Daniel	2 66	Fitch, Herbert E	9 74
Eastman, Charles O	13 28	Fitch, Maria	10 62
Eastman, Charles H	399 10	Fifield, Eli T	30 87
Eastman, Charles E	2 66	Fifield, Perley M	11 51
Eddy, Charles B	4 43	Fifield, James E	3 54
Edson, Cutler	18 59	Fifield, Lucinda	53 99
Eggleston, F F	3 08	Fletcher, Bela J	24 78
Egan, Michael	12 46	Fletcher, Thomas B	3 89
Ellis, William	65 53	Fletcher, Thomas W	44 50
Ellis, C I	3 72	Fletcher, E N	18 59
Ellis, Reuben B	52 22	Fletcher, Quartus	5 31
Ellis, Charles P	57 53	Flagg, A J	2 66
Ellis, William B	2 66	Ford, William H	27 01
Elmer, Dwight W	19 12	Freeto, Dexter S	10 27
Elmer, Charles A	2 66	French, John W	2 66
Emerson, John T	6 20	Freeman, P C	46 90
Emerson, Jonathan	18 59	Freeman, H C	35 79
Emerson, Moses R	103 93	Freeman, Charles N	22 76
Emerson, Jeduthan	15 15	Freeman, Albert R	2 66
Erskine, Hiram	39 36	Freeman, Henry V	10 87
Easterbrook, Chauncey	3 54	Frister, Carl	23 26
Elmer, Lydia	14 16	Fountain, Zebulon	2 66
Eaton, H Martin	2 66	Fountain, Hubbard	6 37
Elie, Frank	2 66	Field, Eliza	14 16
Elmer, D W & C A	17 70	Farr, Levi B	31 69
Evans, Randall	21 84	Foley, William	2 66
Evans, Albro, 2d	2 66	Fairbanks, A T	2 66
Farwell, G N, 2d	3 54	Freeman, F J W	2 66
Farwell & Tenney	53 10	Farrington, Hiram	2 66

Feuchtwanger, N	2 66	Hart, Thomas	2 66
Farwell, L S	2 66	Hart, Nancy, Mrs	28 32
Fletcher, I M & C L	1 77	Harwood, Corydon	2 66
Floyd, Edward	2 66	Harris, Daniel	7 01
Fletcher, & Howard.	43 05	Harris, Thomas J	67 26
Gormarsh, Israel	12 89	Harris, Abram	2 66
Gates, John T	13 28	Hawkes, Albert	34 52
Galpin, Henry W	32 75	Hawkes, A W	2 66
Gaffaney, Lawrence	29 35	Hayden, A T	41 84
Gee, Freeman	24 43	Hayden, Thomas G	2 66
Gilman, B P	91 16	Handrahan, John	2 66
Gilman, Leonard	15 54	Harrington, Warren	53 10
Glidden, Sylvester	26 02	Harrington, Mary	17 70
Glidden, A C	2 66	Harrington, Lucinda	10 62
Gowdy, John M	20 36	Haskell, F F	2 66
Gowdy, Thomas R	15 05	Haskell & Tolles	64 61
Gowdy, Wilbur	2 66	Hendrick, H L	2 66
Goddard, Nichols W	38 06	Henry, Fred A	87 30
Goddard, Edward L	358 25	Henry, William B	2 66
Goss, Charles, N	31 86	Hendee, John	32 75
Gould, Luther T	2 66	Heywood, Simeon	42 48
Gould, Isabel	17 70	Heywood, Joel M	77 88
Goward, Ruel	89 03	Heywood, Henry A	2 66
Gordon, Lawrence	2 66	Heywood, Edward B	2 66
Grannis Solon C	86 77	Heywood & Co,	70 80
Grannis, Homer E	52 39	Hitchcock, Ichabod	22 13
Grannis, George C	36 46	Hitchcock, William B	73 56
Greeley, Edwin E	23 82	Hoban, Patrick	10 27
Greeley, Samuel	10 62	Howard, Joseph B	12 39
Gregg, Albert	13 28	Howard, Wilber F	82 13
Graves, Laura M	7 08	Hoffman, Joseph A	2 66
Graves, Leland J	77 00	Holt, Josiah	14 16
Gould, Henry	38 94	Holt, James	23 01
Gilman, George	2 66	Holden, George W	9 74
Gifford, Frank	2 66	Holton, Russ F	2 66
Gowdy, Edwin M	2 66	Holton, Orra	26 55
Gerber, Charles	2 66	Howe, George W	39 47
Green, Henry A	4 78	Howe, Ezra G	7 08
Gleason, Frances	35 40	Howe, B D, Estate	17 70
Graves, George	2 66	Hubbard, Henry	2 66
Grannis, Solon C, Agent	3 54	Hubbard, Henry, 2d	118 41
Hammond, J W, Jr	2 66	Hubbard, Henry L	89 39
Hammond, J W	37 49	Hubbard, I G	2 66
Haubrick, Fred	88 57	Hunter P S	2 66
Haubrick, Peter	52 99	Huntoon, Henry N	33 45
Hapgood, Edgar L	22 48	Huntoon, Martin H	11 51
Harriman, Leander	2 66	Hurd, Elias C	10 09
Harriman, John G	23 68	Hurd, Cyrus	1 77
Harriman, Isaac	7 08	Hutchinson, William	5 03
Hart, Albert H	9 74	Hubbard, Edward C	2 66
Hart, Josiah	15 72	Hubbard, Jona B	15 93
Hart, Sarah	19 15	Hodgeman, G M	4 21
Hart, Oliver C	13 06	Hatch, Henry A	14 16

Hubbard & Long	8 85	Johnson, Moses	12 39
Hogan, Sarah	14 16	Johnson, Reuben	14 16
Hubbard, & Hutchinson	96 64	Johnson, Schuyler	7 40
Heffran, Patrick	2 66	Jones, Mary C B	7 08
Heslin, Michael	3 26	Jones, Betsey	17 70
Hurd, Jemima B	8 85	Jones, Mary Ann	61 95
Hitchcock, H N	8 85	Jones, William	72 57
Howe, R L	10 62	Jones, William F	86 20
Hall, Levi D, Jr	4 60	Jones, Frederick	146 03
Hudson, Elias H	2 66	Jones, John F	144 86
Huntley, Orlando B	2 66	Jones, Lucian E	153 82
Hale, B Franklin	4 43	Jones, Zachariah	38 13
Hale, Joel P	52 22	Jones, Chevy C	3 37
Hoban, William	15 05	Jones, Leonard	22 73
Hatch, Carlos	2 66	Johnson, Mary	49 56
Heath, S P	3 54	Jones, Joseph C	38 94
Heywood, George B	2 66	Judd, William	7 97
Haubrick & Hawkes	17 70	Judd, Charles M	9 21
Hillard, William	2 66	Judd, Sylvester	2 66
Hale, S T	15 05	Judkins, Levi	57 14
Hubbard, Eli	2 66	Judkins, Henry	2 66
Heath, Stephen S	2 66	Judkins, Levi B	2 66
Howard, Marshall S	2 66	Jenne, H A	2 66
Hurd, Henry J	3 19	Jackman, George W	2 66
Ide, George G	56 82	Jackman, George W, 2d	2 66
Ide, Lemuel N	42 02	Jackman, George H	2 83
Ide, Daniel M	24 36	Johnson, John W	2 66
Ide, G G & L N	5 84	Kendrick, James	22 13
Ide, Truman H	2 66	Kempton, Leonard N	12 39
Ide, Simeon	8 85	Kempton, Jerre	34 52
Ingalls, Francis J	4 71	Kempton, Obed	51 86
Jarvis, Samuel G	289 75	Kenyon, Daniel	34 09
Jarvis, Russel	243 80	Keyes, George	61 46
Jackson, Uriel	49 28	Kelley, James	49 56
Jackson, Lucian	2 66	Kelley, Daniel	2 66
Jackson, Heber	2 66	Kendall, Gilbert	15 05
Jakes, Edward H	16 82	Kennedy, Patrick	7 97
Jerry, Amiel	2 66	Kennedy, Bartholomew	2 66
Jenkins, Heman B	57 38	Kimball, T D	94 70
Jewett, Frederick	89 56	Kimball, William	2 66
Jewett, John W	46 98	Kimball, Henry C	2 66
Jewett, M L	48 68	Kidder, F T	38 06
Jewett, R H	2 66	King, Walter W	2 66
Johnson, Amos D	49 21	King, Nathaniel C	24 61
Johnson, Edwin	8 85	Kittrick, Lawrence	11 51
Johnson, Moses	28 85	Knights, Joseph	8 14
Johnson, Otis	31 44	Knights, Charles M	52 75
Johnson, Enoch	62 13	Knights, Albert	2 66
Johnson, Levi	2 66	Knights, Foster F	3 08
Johnson, Daniel W	106 03	Keating, Thomas	2 66
Johnson, B F	2 66	Keyes, Mrs C E	8 85
Johnson, J H	9 74	Kendrick, Susan B	17 70
Johnson, Henry E	2 66	King, Patrick	13 28

Kellogg, Roswell D	2 66	Love, R W	2 66
Knights, Joseph E	2 66	Lindsay, James	3 72
Keller, William	2 66	LeBarron, Russell A	2 66
Lake, James	18 55	Loring, John	2 66
Ladd, Wm M	52 22	Marcy, Edwin	2 66
Lawler, Michael	3 29	Marcy, Elnora F	12 39
Lawler, Patrick J	16 82	Miller, Thomas	2 66
Lawler, Patrick T	2 66	Marvin, Louis	2 66
Lamb, Michael	39 47	Miller, William H	7 79
Lattimore, David	2 66	Mace, Oliver	11 40
Lamberton, J H	19 54	Mace, H C	2 66
Laws, Ebenezer	13 53	Mace, J B	2 66
Leet, Cyrus A	18 41	Marcy, Abial B	3 19
Leet, James	76 82	Mason, Charles F	2 66
Leet, John	58 80	Mason, Warren S	2 66
Leet, Eugene F	2 66	Marsh, Frank E	2 66
Leet, Adam R	34 62	Marshall, Warren	2 66
Lewis, George G	54 94	Matthewson, Eldridge	38 23
Lewis, John H	38 34	Martin, Benjamin P	25 84
Lewis, Ariel	36	Mann, Azro J	12 04
Lewis, Benjamin A	16 04	Mann, Charles B	10 16
Lewis, John S	2 66	Mann, George	7 08
Lewis, James N	2 66	Marvin, Giles	2 66
Lewis, Edward C	2 66	Marshall, Nahum	11 68
Lewis, Henry E	2 66	Mayo, B N	3 37
Leland, Cynthia B	14 16	Mayo, W N	2 66
Lear, Solon C	7 19	McCollough, John	54 27
Leland, Charles	73 56	McGuire, Hugh	2 66
Levoy, Joseph	2 66	McLanghlin, John	32 32
Livingston, Dan J	22 13	McDuff, Andrew	13 28
Little, Joseph T	6 20	McCarthy, Daniel	2 66
Locke, Francis	167 13	Mead, Mary	18 23
Lovell, L S	20 36	Merrill, Wilson	7 97
Lovell, John S	88 15	Merrill, M M	18 52
Lovejoy, Russell	2 66	Merrill, G A	22 41
Lovejoy, Austin T	11 51	Merrill, Arnold	7 44
Long, Charles F, Mrs	83 72	Meacham, Benjamin	27 86
Long, Charles H	4 07	Merrifield, George W	52 22
Long, Isaac H	2 66	Miller, R E	11 51
Lull, John W	29 07	Milton, John M	10 27
Lynch, Patrick	5 14	Mitchell, Elbridge	3 72
Lynch, Joseph	2 66	Mitchell, Sidney	32 75
Lynch, Patrick, Jr	2 66	Mitchell, John	32 75
Lynch, John	2 66	Miner, Jonathan	13 28
Lyman, Asa Z	2 66	Moody, Jonathan	17 35
Lapoint, Frank	3 19	Moody, Leonard T	11 97
Lock, Francis, Guardian	8 85	Moody, George W	2 66
Lull, Robert B	30 69	Moody, Harrison	15 05
Lee, Willard	2 66	Morrison, Lorenzo	45 67
Lingde, Philip	4 43	Morrill, Benjamin	10 37
Lazo, Peter	14 06	Morgan, William D	12 92
Lear, Joseph	2 66	Moore, Asher	2 66
Lull, Frank	2 66	Moore, Edward W	51 23

Moore, Curtis	16 82	Oliver, Mitchell	2 66
Moore, Addison P	3 08	Orcutt, Dan E	2 66
Moore, O P	16 82	Orcutt, Dan	9 38
Murphy, Daniel	15 05	Osgood, Charles	2 66
Murphy, George	13 28	Osgood, J W	15 51
Murphy, George, Jr	2 66	Osgood, Lyman	2 66
Murphy, Darwin E	16 82	Osgood, George D	6 20
Murphy, Jeremiah	2 66	O'Clair, Cate	17 70
Mulhern, Charles	24 15	O'Clair, John	2 66
McQuestion, James	19 37	Olney, Stephen	2 66
Maley, Michael	2 66	Paddock, V C	52 68
Monadnock Mills Co,	3,740 90	Parmalee, Henry S	11 51
Moore, A P & Co,	8 85	Parmalee, Alfred A	7 79
Marvin, Esther K	24 78	Parmalee, Charles J	13 28
Megret, Peter	2 66	Parmalee, Charles H	2 66
McGregor, Henry	28 85	Parmalee, Albert E	2 66
McDuff, Alexander	15 05	Parmalee, Edwin H	2 66
Martin, N C	16 82	Page, Robert	16 82
Miller, Jonathan	2 66	Parker, H W	11 51
Melendy, David E	38 06	Parkhurst, C S	16 82
Messer, Allen P	2 66	Parkhurst, Charles	5 31
Mitchell, William H	2 66	Paul, Jeremiah	12 39
Martel, Joseph	2 66	Paine, J Clinton	6 91
Murry, Lewis	2 66	Patch, Edwin E	4 25
McGown, G W	2 66	Patrick, William	2 66
Millet, Peter	2 66	Patrick, B F	13 81
Nason, Horace	12 39	Patten, L D	6 20
Nason, George H	18 59	Patten, Henry	72 22
Neal, Edmund	33 10	Parkes, George E	2 66
Neal, Lewis	31 51	Patten, Nancy M	17 70
Nevers, William	2 66	Perkins, David	2 66
Nevers, Henry A	2 66	Perkins, Daniel	55 40
Nevers, Sam W	2 66	Perkins, Augustus N	52 68
Nevers, A R	2 66	Perkins, Henry, J	2 66
Newton, Oscar G	2 66	Perkins, John	2 48
Newton, Orlando	58 06	Perry, Charles L	177 89
Nichols, William	20 78	Perry, Austin	2 66
Nichols, George W	2 66	Petty, Reubin	52 04
Nichols, M C	2 66	Pettegrew, Stephen	35 12
Norton, Franklin	41 00	Phelps, Simeon D	3 12
Nott, Solomon	52 08	Pierce, Andrew J	3 19
Nott, Melvin A	6 66	Pierce & Jarvis,	48 32
Noyes, Silas E	77 00	Pierce, June	59 93
Noyes, William T	20 82	Pierce, June A	3 01
Noyes, Henry C	17 70	Pierce, William D	11 51
Noyes, Baron S	2 66	Pierce, Warren J	2 66
Noll, John	2 66	Pike, Jarvis	19, 83
Noonan, Ed	3 40	Pike, A J	4 25
Nutting, Timothy	66 48	Pike, Ruel	5 31
Nutt, Ann M	13 28	Piper, Nahum	27 65
Nichols, H F	2 66	Piper, James P	12 00
Noly, Peter	2 66	Pillsbury, O M	18 59
Olney Sylvanus	2 66	Philbrook, Alfred	18 16

Pope, E Converse	3 90	Richards, Josiah	106 73
Pope, Thomas F	18 09	Rice, Ruth, Mrs	26 55
Porter, Luther S	2 66	Rice, Danforth	112 40
Porter, J B	2 66	Rice, Rufus, Estate	53 10
Proctor, Melvin	132 12	Rogers, W I	4 43
Proctor, Ira	53 99	Rogers, Abram	45 18
Proctor, A W	2 66	Roys, Henry	2 66
Prescott, J B	26 55	Roys, Henry F	2 66
Putnam, Samuel	48 68	Roys, David R	13 28
Putnam, Sumner	62 84	Roby, Leonidas	20 36
Putnam, John, G	52 15	Ross, Charles	2 66
Putnam, Prescott	106 38	Robinson, Otis G	14 16
Putnam, Solomon	16 82	Roberts, Stephen	71 12
Putnam, Grovner	82 13	Rossiter, S F	140 89
Pierce, J W & Co.	75 05	Rossiter, T B	268 16
Purington, Moses	24 43	Rossiter, George P	12 68
Peasley, Elijah	104 54	Rossiter, Albert	2 66
Peltcher, Oliver	2 66	Rossiter, Elvira	3 54
Place, E C, Mrs	10 62	Rossiter, William, Heirs	97 35
Peno, Emily, Mrs	23 19	Rowell, Granville	2 66
Peno, Anthony	3 01	Rounsevel, John P	57 53
Peno, Jerre	2 66	Russell, A R	46 02
Peno, Joseph	2 66	Russell, A F	2 66
Prouty, Enos W	23 90	Rugg, John H	2 66
Perkins, Mary N	15 93	Reynolds, Frank	2 66
Packer, H T	2 66	Rogers, Marcia	26 55
Parkhurst, William C	2 66	Rowell, Henry L	2 66
Putnam, Israel	16 82	Read, Edward, L	13 28
Poole, John B	2 66	Read, Sarah L	26 55
Peaslee, —	4 43	Redfield, Henry L	2 66
Putnam, Israel, Estate	17 70	Ruffle, Benjamin F	3 01
Rand, Samuel S	72 22	Rogg, Joseph	6 62
Rand, Preston A	2 66	Robbins, T T	2 66
Rafferty, Frank	2 66	Rand, Edgar S	5 31
Randall, George C	2 66	Rock, Virginia	2 66
Randall, Lewis W	43 58	Robinson, Peter	2 66
Randall, Lewis	2 66	Royes, Martin	2 66
Read, Sylvester P	28 85	Sanders, H C	56 47
Read, Levi F	12 60	Salloway, V V	16 82
Read, Harrison L	7 08	Sanford, George	2 66
Read, Erastus	95 48	Sanborn, J W	75 83
Reardon, Michael	42 87	Sanborn, Lewis W	2 66
Reardon, Dennis	14 69	Sargent, Winthrop	39 50
Redfield, W A	3 12	Sargent, Lyman N	2 66
Redfield, F H	2 66	Sargent, Harvey H	2 66
Redfield, William	17 10	Sabine, Silas A	125 96
Redfield, S F	43 37	Sankee, Sampson	9 91
Redfield, Henry A	4 43	Sabine, Silas A & Co.	8 85
Redfield, William H	8 85	Severance, Loami	17 88
Redfield, Wyllys, Estate	35 40	Severance, George H	21 07
Reynolds, Patrick	4 78	Severance, Benjamin	2 66
Richardson, Samuel	23 90	Severance, Lucien	3 74
Richardson, Sam, Jr	2 66	Sears, William	9 38

Sears, John	3 37	Stowell, Abner	66 73
Sexton, J W	8 50	Stowell, J W	69 07
Sexton, E P	2 66	Stowell, William N	2 66
Shedd, Imalah	39 61	Stowell, George H	72 75
Shedd, Hosea P	66 80	Stowell, George H, 2d	17 32
Sholes, E S	9 74	Stowell, S B	2 66
Sabine & Co,	26 55	Stone, Alvin B	14 16
Shepardson, Reuben	54 87	Stone, Guy A	24 25
Shannon, John	16 46	Stone, A C & Co	23 01
Shannon, Peter	13 28	Story, Francis B	15 76
Silsbee, R W	2 66	Story, Nathan B	17 88
Silsbee, Solon	6 20	Story, Samuel H	7 97
Sischo, William L	2 66	Story, Myron L	2 66
Smith, Jacob	3 37	Story, Frank B	2 66
Smith, Henry S	24 61	Straw, William H	32 85
Smith, Amos A	29 74	Straw, Albert	2 66
Smith, Darius H	13 28	Straw, Josiah	31 33
Smith, Paschal	15 33	Straw, George W	3 19
Smith, Willard M	55 76	Straw, Mrs Daniel	7 08
Smith, K F	2 66	Stockwell, George T	2 66
Smith, Eli	16 82	Swett, Sylvester	7 97
Smith, Dan B	2 66	Swett, Seneca	19 47
Smith, Mary Ann	88 50	Swift, Solon	30 09
Smith, Fred P	27 97	Sweeney, James	12 04
Smith, Josiah	7 68	Swasy, Sally, Heirs	8 85
Smith, Charles	2 66	Sweet, Mary & Marila	12 39
Smith, Daniel O	2 66	Scott, Mrs Horace	23 01
Smith, Truman H	2 66	Stewart, Hugh	2 66
Smith, Ceylon P	2 66	Shea, Daniel	10 16
Small, Benjamin Z	4 07	Sugar R Paper Mill Co,	784 11
Snow, A H	2 66	Sullivan Machine Co	230 10
Southwick, John M	11 51	Sugar R Mill Co,	57 00
Sprague, John H	26 27	Sumner, David H, Estate	352 51
Sprague, Horace	5 49	Steel, Eugene	2 66
Sprague, Elizabeth	60 18	Sullivan, Charles	2 66
Sprague, A R	2 66	Shedd, Patty	3 54
Sprague, C M	2 66	Sweeney, Edward	2 66
Spaulding, Daniel	2 66	Simonson, J K	2 66
Spaulding, G F	2 66	Stimpson, Rowlin	2 66
Sparling, Jesse	3 01	Silsbee, Charles W	2 66
Spencer, L B	29 14	Stimpson, Nelson	8 39
Spencer, Reuben	34 16	Springer, Ferdinand	2 66
Spring, C M	2 66	Sleeper, W A	2 66
Spearin, A S	35 61	Smith, Collins & Co,	51 33
Steel, Russell	22 13	Stearns, Stephen L	2 66
Stearns, Stillman H	2 66	Staples, W A	2 66
Stearns, O B	10 62	Sheridan, Michael	3 19
Stearns, L J	2 66	Scott, Henry	2 66
Stevens, Linus	10 62	Sears, Charles	2 66
Stevens, George H	7 97	Sears, Henry	2 66
Stevens, Leonard M	4 43	Stone, A C	2 66
Stoddard, Curtis	6 55	Swain, Charles H	13 81
Stowell, James A	50 80	Sargent, Mary P	7 08

Sweeney, Michael	2 66	Tupper, Sarah J	14 16
Stevens, Walter	18 94	Taylor, Henry	2 66
Stearns, Edward A	36 11	Thebodo, Joseph	2 66
Straw, George H	2 66	Tucker, Henry	4 43
Sparling, Melissa	8 85	Tenney, Rodney B	2 66
Stearns, Mary M	8 85	Tutherly, Herbert E	2 66
Sias, William	2 66	Tyrrell, Sylvanus M	2 66
Stone, Mary	1 77	Taylor, Mrs Simeon	8 85
Sprague, Hiram	2 66	Thebodo, Jo	2 66
Sawyer, Susan P	1 77	Taylor, John	2 66
Tappan, John W, Estate	237 18	Upham, J B	31 88
Taylor, George	2 66	Upham, Jas P	183 02
Taylor, Frank S	2 66	Union Church,	70 80
Taylor, Nathan	42 06	Vaughan, Edwin	2 66
Tenney, Edward J	52 22	Veasey, Lucius	7 08
Tenney, H A	2 66	Veasey, Samuel	2 66
Tenney, E J & George	56 64	Volk, Carl A	54 70
Thomas, Alonzo	52 15	Vose, Clement	31 58
Thomas, C L W	2 66	Vose, William C	16 82
Thomas, David	2 66	Waite, George W	29 21
Thompson, Alvah	7 97	Waite, D Simmons	2 66
Thompson, Maria	19 47	Waite, Otis F R	61 07
Thrasher, Samuel P	82 09	Wallingford, Philander	64 61
Thrasher, William S	2 66	Wallingford, G H	2 66
Tibbils, Charles L	16 82	Wallingford, Ellen P	7 08
Towle, F W	4 07	Walker, Simon W	16 82
Tolles, Edwin W	47 40	Walker, Amasa	32 96
Tolles, Nathaniel	210 45	Walker, John S	143 58
Tolles, Clarence W	5 14	Walker, John S, Guar.	46 02
Towle, Warren O	2 66	Walker, George A	19 12
Tolles, Augusta	35 40	Walker, Russ B	106 98
Toothaker, J S	2 66	Walker, Harmon	35 54
Town, Samuel C	13 49	Walker, Helon R	8 68
Town, John	9 74	Wallace, Joseph	2 66
Tondrier, Lewis	2 66	Walton, Thomas	2 66
Tracy, Alfred	7 97	Wallace, Anthony	2 66
Tupper, Irwin S	3 54	Waldron, George H	2 66
Tutherly, William E	104 54	Ward, Albert C	14 16
Tutherly, Mrs David	67 26	Warner, L K	2 66
Tyler, Fred A	85 85	Watriss, Luke	2 66
Tyler, John	46 09	Watson, Amos A	76 64
Tyler, Lucius	35 40	Watson, Edwin C	15 47
Tyler, John (Lebanon)	15 93	Way, Gordon	73 53
Tyler, John & Fred A	44 25	Way, Osmon B	4 43
Tyler, Emily R	8 85	Watt, Charles W	7 08
Tyler, Rebecca	30 09	Webb, Hiram	25 67
Tyrrell, Harmon	19 12	Webb, Seth	16 82
Trinity Church,	17 70	Weber, Joseph	41 60
Tolles, Nathaniel, Guar.	115 58	Webster, Austin M	2 66
Tebo, Edward	2 66	Westgate, Betsey	5 31
Tebo, John	7 97	Webster, Horace H	21 77
Thurston, Charles H	2 66	Weed, Charles H	3 72
Thurston, Jane, Mrs	5 31	Welcome, P H	12 39

Welch, J C	2 66	Wood, Martin E	3 01
West, Timothy K	30 09	Wolcott, Russell F	17 35
Wetmore, O D	16 82	Wolcott, A F	2 66
Winston, James S	2 66	Wolcott, George D	6 20
Williams, E C	2 66	Woodcock, George O	16 82
Williams, Abijah	8 92	Wright, Austin	15 15
Willett, Thomas	3 01	Weld, William P	27 12
Willey, A B	2 66	Webster, Alice	17 70
Willey, Merrill	15 05	Weld, Israel F Mrs	18 23
Wilcox, Siloam	41 99	Williamson, A B Heirs	26 55
West, Elizabeth	5 31	Willkins, Rebecca	26 55
Wilcox, Orren	2 66	Wagner, John	2 66
Wilson, George W	11 51	Wier, Peter	2 66
Wilson, Josiah	75 23	Westgate, Nathaniel W	42 48
Willard, Jotham, Estate	12 39	Wightman, Maria R	10 62
Willard, Henry	44 25	Wolcott, Newland J	4 43
Winn, John A	16 82	Wissell, William	2 66
Winn, Albert F	34 52	Whitney, Alfred	2 66
Wheeler, William C	2 66	West, Henry C	2 66
Wheeler, Sylvester	127 27	Whitemore, Mary E	10 62
Wheeler, Sylvester, Guar.	24 78	Welch, William H	5 14
Whipple, John M	23 01	White, Edward P	2 66
White, Abial	20 00	Way, James P	2 66
White, Benjamin F	2 66	Williams, Harry B	2 66
Whitmore, Elijah	71 16	Wallace, Frank	2 66
Whitmore, Warren	34 09	Walker, George	2 66
Whitcomb, B F	15 05	Wetherbee, John	2 66
Whitcomb, Francis	78 80	Weinman, L & Co,	26 55
Whitcomb, George F	22 84	Weinman, L	2 66
Whitcomb, George H	4 43	Wetherbee & Stone,	21 24
Wilmarth, Jonathan	58 24	Wallace, Frank	2 66
Willis, Algeron	65 07	White, E. W	4 78
Woodbury, Amos	14 16	Young, Frank	2 66
Woodbury, Jacob	38 23	Young, James	9 74
Woodbury, Franklin	25 31	Young, John E	2 66
Woodbury, W O C	63 72	Young, John T	2 66
Woodbury, Jonathan	20 36	Young, Joseph E	2 66
Woodman, Lewis	5 31	Young, Narciss	7 97
Woodell, James, Estate	26 55	Young, Eli	2 66
Woodward, Samuel	10 80	Young, Israel	2 66
Wood, Samuel M	43 72	Young, Charles	2 66
Woodward, Freeman	3 37	Young, John	2 66
Wood, Alvah	49 31		

SCHOOL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1870.

Report of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Claremont.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

In my last annual School Report I urged the necessity of a change in our school system. I am gratified to acknowledge the kind and approving manner in which the proposed plan was received by many of my fellow townsmen. I am aware, however, that it has met with violent opposition among certain classes, but it being one of my official duties to recommend such measures as seem to me best calculated to improve the condition of the schools under my charge, I can only be true to my position, and true to my own convictions, by again presenting for your consideration the same general plan.

From several years observation, I am thoroughly convinced, that the *District System should be abolished at the earliest day possible.*

Our present system divides the town into nineteen districts, each of which controls largely its own educational interests. There are twenty-five districts schools, nineteen Prudential Committees, a Town Superintendent, a High School Committee, and the separate officers of District No. 17 under the "Somersworth Act."

The effect of abolishing the district system will be to convert the entire town into *one* district; to do away with all Prudential Committees, and to place the management of all the school interests in the hands of a single board of committee chosen annually by the town. The duties of this committee will be to build, repair and furnish school houses when and where necessary, to provide fuel and apparatus, to hire teachers, &c.

The power to abolish the district system lies in our State Legislature. At the last session of that body a bill was introduced, giving to those desirous of discontinuing this system, the power, but not obliging them to do so. It failed of becoming a law. A similar bill will doubtless be again presented to the forthcoming Legislature. I earnestly hope it may meet with their approval; for I regard such a measure together with the establishment of a Normal School, as indispensable to the best interests of the common schools of New Hampshire.

Should all efforts to secure a State law of this character be defeated, I recommend that an act enabling Claremont to abolish her district system, be procured. This has been done by Manchester, Nashua, Dover and other large places where the best schools are to be found.

Either of these bills having been approved by the Legislature, it will remain for the town to adopt it. I hope this will be done at the earliest opportunity.

But the question is asked, "Why abolish the district system?" I answer, that the number of our schools may be suitably reduced; that the number of scholars in most of the schools may be increased and equalized in all portions of the town; that the aggregate expenses of the schools may be diminished; that a more thorough system of gradation may be secured; that the school houses and apperatus may be improved; that better teachers may be procured; that the supervision of the schools may be vastly more efficient; that scholars in all parts of the town may have more nearly equal advantages; that the standard of education may be elevated.

The importance of securing these conditions are so apparent, and many of them were so fully considered one year ago, that I regard a lengthy review at this time unnecessary.

I feel, however, again to call your attention to the folly and extravagance of sustaining twenty-five district schools. It is robbing our children of educational advantages, and our treasury of its contents. Most schools of five or ten scholars are every way deficient, save in the items of stupidity and expense. There can be no enthusiasm, consequently no worthy progress. The teacher is an inferior one, for a good instructor, by reason of unpleasantness and small pay cannot be secured. The school house is an old dingy, dilapidated affair, because the expense of improve-

ment falls too heavily upon a few, and the number of scholars is too small to encourage the necessary outlay.

That we are suffering untold losses from our present faulty system, will be obvious by referring to the table at the conclusion of this report. For instance, the greatest number of scholars that have attended any one term during the year, in the five following districts, Nos. 6, 10, 12, 13 and 19 is fifty-two. The average attendance in all these schools is but forty-one. It has cost the town to school these fifty-two scholars—a number none too large for one good school—\$964. It will be seen that there have been several schools, each of which had more than fifty-two scholars; and yet the cost of supporting them is only about \$400. Furthermore, these large schools have accomplished praiseworthy results, while many of the small ones have been little else than worthless.

To school five scholars during the Summer and four during the Winter, in District No. 10, has involved an expense to the town of \$140. To school eleven scholars (a large proportion of whom are residents of another town) during a single term in the summer, in District No. 19, \$150.05 have been appropriated. The rest of the small schools named above, have been but little less faulty; and those in Nos. 3, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 14 have been very expensive. In our smallest and generally poorest schools \$23.50 have been expended on each scholar, while in the largest and best ones, it has cost but \$5.60.

All the schools thus far referred to, are in the farming districts; but those in the village are by no means all that could be desired. It is the height of absurdity to support three Grammar Schools, when one would serve a much better and cheaper purpose. The other departments should also be re-arranged.

Of the \$7000 appropriated for the District Schools last year, no one who carefully investigates these conditions can fail to see, that a large proportion must be very poorly applied.

Every tax payer should exert his right to demand that the schools should be reduced in number, thereby enlarging and improving them, that an equivalent may be rendered for the money expended. By abolishing the district system this can be attained.

That the school houses and apparatus can be improved, at less individual expense, is clear. A smaller number will

of course, be required, and the burden thrown upon a larger number of taxpayers.

The buildings in Nos, 4, 6 8, 10, 11 and 19 are wholly unfit for use; and, with very few exceptions, the others out of the village, need to be remodeled.

It will be vain to expect these evils will be corrected, so long as the schools remain so small. Indeed, I can not advise that new houses be built for five or six scholars.

An objection to the one district system has been raised by some, that those who have already expended large sums of money for improvements, will be called upon to help those who have neglected this duty. There is no probability of this. Each district will have credit for all it has done. Those having accommodations up to the standard will be required to do no more, while those who have failed to provide these necessities, can do so at less individual expense. I see no means of getting rid of our unsightly and inefficient buildings but by abolishing the district system. I am unwilling to leave the subject of school houses without referring to the pleasing fact that the buildings in Nos. 1, 9, 15 and 17 are ornaments to the town, and probably have few equals in the State.

I refer to the report of last year for remarks on grading. We must have a system that will advance scholars step by step, from the lowest grade in the Primary, to the highest in the High School. The grading is now very unsatisfactory, and can not be made complete until the school system is changed.

It is a common remark among the farming community, that the village is more privileged than they in respect to schools. This is true, and should be speedily remedied. The farmer pays as much per cent school tax on his property as does the manufacturer or the merchant. His children are as deserving of good schools as theirs; but they do not have them, nor do I expect they will, so long as there are separate school interests, and the number of schools remains as now. It has already been shown that these small, back schools are the most expensive of any in town. Without aid from the large districts they could scarce sustain a respectable school a single month in the year. Though claiming to be separate and independent they are not independent.

Upon this point the village districts have grounds for complaint, of which they freely avail themselves.

They say, with truth, that much of their school money goes to support schools out of their limits. I regret the meagre privileges enjoyed by the rural districts, compared with those in the village. There is no good reason why one portion of the town should not have equally good school advantages with another, save in one particular; some of the farmers must be at a greater distance from the school than any of those living within the limits of the village. I am decidedly in favor of taking a portion of the money raised in the village to prolong the schools in the rural districts. The farmers are taxed to support the High School. They are greatly benefitted by this school; but the village scholars are the most fortunate. For this reason, also I would advise liberality in dividing the school among them; but I am opposed to expending nearly as much upon a school of five scholars as upon one of fifty. I say abolish the district system, diminish the number of schools nearly one half, make them all of as nearly the same size as possible, then distribute the school money in a way to give every school the same amount, and the same quality of schooling.

But if the different districts insist on remaining separate I see no reason why each should not be allowed all the money raised within its own limits and no more. If all their other interests are separate, why not be separate in regard to Superintendent and school money? If they are separate and claim to be independent, why should No. 1 or No. 17 pay their money to support schools in No. 10 or No. 19 or any other district any more than the town of Claremont appropriate money for supporting schools in some other and less wealthy town? I am told that the interest of every citizen of the town is mutual; that all the individual interests make up the one grand whole; that each individual is a part of the town, claiming the same protection, and the rights to the same privileges. This is true; and for this reason the school interests should be a unit, protected alike in all districts and controlled by the town, through a lawfully chosen committee. This can be satisfactorily arranged, in my opinion, only by abolishing the district system.

If no other arguments in favor of doing away with this system could be produced, save those drawn from the present method of supervising the schools, these alone ought to be sufficient to convince any thoughtful person of its utility. The office of Superintendent, while efficient in some particulars, is in other important ones a mere farce.

The important school officer is the Prudential Committee. Although he is invested with almost absolute power, he must yield to the popular will, and make liberal expenditures and hire cheap teachers or he is severely censured. Most districts are in favor of changing their committee every year, and the result is, persons with no qualifications for this responsible position are continually being chosen. "One regards it an annoyance, and avoids its duties as much as possible. The second aims to make himself popular by employing the *cheapest* (which means the poorest qualified teachers) which can be found, for the sake of economy! The third would turn a penny for the family, by hiring one of his relatives, daughter, cousin, or wife's sister to teach school. And the fourth, though intelligent and liberal, has no power to carry out his plans and benefit the district, because he is restricted in all his operations by the penuriousness and stupidity of his neighbors." "Our school is very small and backward, and we cannot afford, nor do not need an experienced and *learned* teacher," says the acting official. So he accepts of the first applicant who prefers "to keep school" rather than wash dishes or drive a team in the cold, provided said school *marm* or master will serve the district for two or three dollars per week. The district must be *small*, for its bounds are fixed by law, and no parent has any right to send his children to another school. And this school must be worthless so long as it is taught and managed by such teachers.

Another consequence of the district system that works evil, is a constant change of teachers. This is just as inconsistent with desirable progress, as it would be for the farmer to plow up his wheat field every month, and still expect the crop to mature. But desirable progress cannot be secured as long as we are trammelled by the miserable district system. When this can be swept away, and the control of school matters can be vested in town boards, who shall have authority to act, and be held to a strict responsibility for their conduct, we shall have hope that our schools will rise to a more elevated position and become more useful."

The above quotation from an able article by Professor Orcutt, who is one of the most ardent advocates in the State for the abolishing of the district system, speaks for itself.

It is with pride that I am able to refer to the happy influence our High School is exerting upon the lower depart-

ments. It is doing a noble work. It has awakened new zeal in the efforts of the scholars in all quarters of the town. We can not prize and sustain it too devotedly; but it should be remembered that its success depends largely upon the good condition of the common schools. The best good of this school, no less than the others, requires that all should be controlled by one Committee.

This board may consist of three, five or nine persons, selected from various parts of the town. They should not all be located within the limits of the village, nor should they all be changed every two years. One or two might give place to new ones annually. This would keep experienced leaders on the board the whole time. It might be well to have one person act as Superintendent, subject to the direction of the board. But that there are difficulties to be surmounted in adopting the plan presented, I do not deny, but I firmly believe it is practicable, and that many years will not roll away before it will be done. I bespeak for it a careful consideration.

The success of the schools the past year will compare favorably with former years. There has been a marked improvement in Arithmetic. Examples and principles are explained with much greater readiness and understanding than formerly. The method of instructing in Geography is more efficient, and great progress has been made in this branch. Efforts have been made to give Grammar more attention than it has usually received. The result has been encouraging, though this branch is far in the background.

No branch has been so sadly neglected, for many years, as penmanship. It was the determination of your Committee to have this fault corrected, so far as possible. To accomplish this, every school was requested at the commencement of the winter term, to spend thirty minutes in writing each day. Nos. 1 and 6 of Payson, Dunton and Scribner's System of Penmanship were adopted. The results, in most instances, have been decidedly favorable. More has been done in this department during one term than for years before. These same books should continue to be used so long as scholars attend to writing. Teachers should not be *allowed* to set copies; for the reason that every one has a different style; and pupils by attempting to follow them are confused and their hand writing is without system.

O. B. WAY, Superintendent.

Claremont, March 8, 1870.

TABULAR REPORT.

No. of District.	Name of Prudential Com.	Am't of money.	Department.	Summer, Full and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of scholars attending.	Average attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole No. of scholars ret'd by Selectmen.
1	Wm. Clark,	\$1378.55	Gram. Inter. Pri'y.	S	Jennie V. Greene....	55	40	12	281
				F	...do.....do.....	62	46	11	
				W	...do.....do.....	56	50	12	
				S	Annie M. Deane....	47	44	13	
				F	...do.....do.....	40	36	13	
				W	...do.....do.....	44	40	11	
				S	Mary Etta Colby....	30	27	12	
				F	...do.....do.....	35	30	12	
				W	...do.....do.....	38	33	12	
2	H. Case,	263.80		S	Mary J. Sanborn....	28	23	12	36
				W	F. W. Blanchard....	28	22	13	
3	H. P. Shedd,	209.20	Mixed	S	Frank M. Bailey....	20	17	11	24
				W	E. L. Gage.....	25	20	11½	
4	F. L. Barker,	213.75		S	Imogen E. Barnes...	16	13	12	25
				W	...do.....do.....	19	15	12	
5	Wm. Ellis,	236.50		S	Lucy J. Ellis.....	14	10	11	30
				F	...do.....do.....	14	9	10	
6	W. Sargent,	168.25		W	Flora G. Smith.....	17	12	9	15
				S	Gustie M. Tenney...	9	6	12	
				W	Abbie Sargent.....	12	10	12	
					Edna L. Copeland...				
7	C. A. Leet,	268.35		S	Martha M. Ellis....	19	17	8	37
				F	...do.....do.....	19	16	8	
				W	Clara M. Perkins....	29	21	16	
					W. P. Beckwith....				
8	C. H. Long,	195.55		S	Flora Bailey.....	12	8	12	21
				W	Amos G. Hubbard...	19	14	12	
9	Jas. Young,	318.40		S	Sarah L. Morrill....	21	19	12	48
				F	...do.....do.....	29	24	10	
				W	...do.....do.....	28	22	14	
10	L. Gaffney,	140.95		S	Carrie E. Wightman	5	3	9	
				F	...do.....do.....	6	4	8	9
				W	...do.....do.....	4	3	8	
11	S. J. Roberts,	272.90		S	Clara M. Perkins....	22	18	8	38
				F	...do.....do.....	22	18	10	
				W	Mary A. Smith.....	22	18	10	
12	P. Haubrich,	150.05		S	Jennie M. Jones....	10	10	10	
				F	...do.....do.....	10	9	8	
				W	...do.....do.....	10	9	10	
13	S. P. Thrasher,	204.65		S	Mary A. Smith.....	13	11	15	23
				W	W. P. Thrasher....	12	11	12	
14	H. C. Freeman,	209.20		S	Clara F. Randall....	13	12	9	24
				F	...do.....do.....	20	16	8	
				W	...do.....do.....	26	19	12	
15	J. Back,	609.60		S	Eliza Kendall.....	55	43	10	
				F	...do.....do.....	48	36	8	112
				W	...do.....do.....	41	35	11	
				S	Alice Dean.....	28	23	10	
				F	...do.....do.....	28	23	8	
				W	Martha E. Moore....	38	29	11	
					Annie E. Bliss.....				
16	J. S. Bartlett,	150.05	Mixed	S	Laura A. Bartlett...	6	5	8	11
				W	...do.....do.....	9	8	16	
18	H. B. Jenkins,	254.70		S	Hattie M. Graves....	20	17	10	34
				F	...do.....do.....	18	13	11	
				W	Martha M. Ellis....	21	18	10	
19	S. C. Grannis,	150.05		S	Helen E. Smith.....	11	8	12	

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17	T. Dart,	\$1606.05	Gram- In- Ter- Pearl mar. ter. race. St.	S	Hattie M. Redfield,	60	45	12	331
				F	...do.....do.....	51	42	11	
				W	...do.....do.....	48	39	12	
				S	Nettie Marshall,...	34	30	12	
				F	Paulina L. Grow,...	41	30	11	
				W	...do.....do.....	40	34	10	
	J. Woodbury,			S	Susan B. Carlton,...	22	20	12	
	W. D. Pierce,			W	E. F. M. Morgan,...	26	22	12	
				S	Annie E. Bliss,.....	28	24	12	
				F	...do.....do.....	55	50	12	
				W	Maria J. Walker,...	32	28	12	
		\$7000.55							1121

Whole number of scholars attending school, in town, during the year,.....840.

REPORT

Of the Superintending School Committee of District No. 17.

GENTLEMEN:

It has been my custom, while visiting your schools to make such suggestions, as the varied circumstances seemed to demand. At the closing exercises in each department, I have made all the allusions to the character of the schools I deemed necessary, and regard a repetition here unnecessary.

I congratulate you on the general prosperity that has attended the schools in this district the year past. There are no failures to record; and nothing, so far as I am aware, has occurred to mar the harmony of the district. The Prudential Committee have been untiring in their efforts; the teachers have been earnest and faithful; and the scholars have manifested commendable zeal in their studies. The necessity of changing teachers in all the schools during the year, was unfortunate, but could not well be avoided. The school buildings have all been repaired the past season, and this district still occupies the front rank as regards school accommodations. They are all that could be desired, under the present school system.

There is a difficulty in grading and classifying the Grammar and Intermediate departments. These schools are smaller than is desirable, either from an educational or pecuniary stand-point. The experiment of uniting the two schools was tried during the Fall term; but though the number of scholars was none too large, classification was difficult, and it was thought advisable to separate them again on the opening of the Winter term.

The Pearl street and Terrace schools are in good condition.

I see no way of essentially improving the Bluff schools without materially changing our school system. In the town report I suggest that there should be but one Grammar school for the three village districts. I am convinced that such a consolidation would correct many existing evils and work to the advantage of all parties. It can readily be understood that the opening of our excellent High School has diminished the number of scholars in the Grammar departments. The influence of the High School upon the district schools is most salutary; but it renders a less number necessary.

I refer you to the town report for remarks upon abolishing the district system. They of course apply with the same force to this as to other districts.

The "Somersworth Act," which is in force here, may have been useful in the past, but I regard it quite otherwise now. I insist that all the schools in town should be controlled by one board of committee. So many separate interests can but be ruinous to educational advancement.

It has happened, the past year, that the Town Superintendent, who is a member of the High School committee, being a resident of District No. 17, was chosen by you to supervise these schools. This has served to unite, in a small measure, all the schools under one administration. But this may not often happen.

So long as the present district system is retained, the Superintendent of the town schools, and the Superintendent of the schools in District No. 17, should be members of the High School committee; but there is no certainty of this. Should your Superintendent at any time not be connected with the other schools, especially with the High School, the effect upon this district would be unfavorable. Even while the district system continues in force, I believe something would be gained by discontinuing the "Somersworth Act."

But I desire to urge upon *you* as well as the town generally, the importance of abolishing the district system, and placing the exclusive management of all the schools in town, in the hands of one board of committee.

In case the town should refuse to adopt such a measure, the three village districts should by all means be united. A thoroughly graded system could then be organized, with one Grammar school where a large class could every year be fitted for entering the High School. All the departments could in this way be vastly improved and supported at no increase of expense. The elegant buildings we now have, and of which we may justly be proud, would serve us under such an arrangement, though in some cases their location and plan may be slightly inconvenient.

Astep was taken in this direction last Spring, by Nos. 1 and 17. A committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of a union. As a member of that committee, I perhaps may be allowed to state here, that the hope that the entire town would soon see fit to do away with the district system, accounts for the little attention given to the matter thus far. It is very desirable that the town move in this reform; but if they fail to do it, I repeat, let the village enter upon it at once. At the conclusion of the Tabular Report will be found the statistics for this district.

O. B. WAY, Supt. of District No. 17.

Claremont, N. H. March 8, 1870.

REPORT

OF THE

Stevens High School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CLAREMONT:—

Having by your votes, in March 1867, appropriated the sum of \$15,000 to be expended in the erection of a building for a High School, in connection with a sum advanced by a former citizen of the town, and having, in March 1868, voted \$2,000, and again, in March 1869, \$3,000, to be used in maintaining the school; but, more especially, having sent your sons and daughters to be there trained and educated, it is your right to demand of us, and our duty to submit, an account of our stewardship and to exhibit for your information the progress and present condition of the school.

Commencing in the Fall of 1868, five terms have now been taught. The school year has been divided into three terms of thirteen weeks each. A course of study has been adopted, well designed, in our judgment, to fit the pupil successfully to meet the ordinary demands of life, and render him respectable among his fellows, or to lead him to the doors of the College where he can make the acquirements suited to professional pursuits. To say that excellent progress has been made by the pupils who have availed themselves of the advantages of the school thus far, would not adequately express the fact. Those citizens who have visited the school from time to time and who have attended the examinations, must have observed in the pupils not only progress, but rapid progress, and an assurance of mental strength and resources never before realized by them, because until now undeveloped. The majority of our youth, heretofore, have been instructed only in the merest rudiments—the a b c of an academical education. To see now some hundred of them, from all parts of the town, taking what is only their own proper rank and position among the youth of other communities similarly favored, and taught to know something of the world they live in—its vegetable, mineral and animal economy; its geography and history; the laws of language and of numbers—to know somewhat of the elements and combinations of the air we breathe, the light we enjoy, the food we eat, and the water we drink—something of the chemistry of daily life; of the principles of mechanism, and of the relations of the earth to the solar system,—this is to realize that our young people who are to succeed us are lifted from a level of comparative ignorance to a higher plane of intelligence, power, self-respect and future usefulness. To have been deprived of such privileges, or to have been unable to avail ourselves of them, from whatever cause, when we were few in numbers and of small means, was, to ourselves, who act here, our misfortune. But, at this day of free and liberal education, of great discoveries and great material progress, of greater wealth and greater opportunities, to voluntarily deprive our sons and daughters or the sons and daughters of our neighbor of these privileges, now so easily and cheaply attainable, would be to defraud them of their birthright as children of the republic. It would be to deny them, when within their reach, that which gives value and dignity to life.

The Committee have been fortunate in securing the services of a board of teachers thoroughly competent to the discharge of their duties, zealously devoted to the profession of teaching, and who keep pace with the modern methods approved by experience and adopted by the best masters. Although the maxim still prevails, that "There is no royal road to learning," and certain as it is that no solid acquirements can be made without work, yet much of the drudgery and monotony of study has been done away, the difficulties known to our earlier days have been sensibly lessened and the pupils are gainers in time.

We have been enabled to furnish the school in season for the Fall term with a limited but sufficient supply of philosophical and chemical apparatus of the best construction, a small but choice cabinet of minerals, a valuable selection of reference books, a globe, and the largest and best map of the United States,—costing in all the sum of \$450; of which our respected townsman, Samuel P. Fiske, generously donated two thirds, or \$300. The possession of these facilities, not always enjoyed by institutions of greater pretensions, gives the school advantages of which both teachers and scholars are not slow to avail themselves.

Through the continued liberality of Paran Stevens, Esq., the school is now supplied with a Chickering Concert Grand Piano, of superior tone and power, used as an accompaniment to the singing exercises. Very few if any other instruments of this class are to be found in the State, and its value to the school may be understood when it is plainly heard to lead and dominate from ninety to one hundred voices in their most spirited performances. Striking progress in the knowledge and practice of the science of music has been made during the past year, under the able instruction of Mr. Francis F. Haskell, who has given two lessons per week of an hour each. The whole school has been taught to read and to sing music at sight, taking the four parts with a precision and style which would do credit to any trained choir. This agreeable and useful accomplishment has been acquired without sacrificing other so-called solid branches. The change for an hour twice a week from severer study to singing, has served to lighten the labor and give rest and recreation to the scholars, and it has served to add interest and impressiveness to the devotional exercises of the morning, which consist of the reading of the Scriptures, singing, and the Lord's Prayer reverently recited in concert.

The number of scholars taught is: — First Term, boys 39, girls 59 — total 98; Second Term, boys 42, girls 51 — total 93; Third Term, boys 27, girls 48 — total 75; Fourth Term, boys 35, girls 58 — total 93; Fifth Term, boys 31, girls 43 — total 74. Grand Total, 433. Whole number of individuals since the opening of the school, 155.

The rules for admission, adopted by the Committee, are such as, in our judgment, the best good of the school requires. Candidates must be 13 years old; must be able to write legibly both upon paper and the black-board, to read intelligently, and spell correctly a fair percentage of common English words; must pass a satisfactory examination in Guyot's Intermediate Geography, or its equivalent, in the elements of English Grammar, in Arithmetic, in the principles of enumeration and the four fundamental rules; they must understand Decimals and their connection with Numeration, and have a thorough knowledge of the principles and practice of all operations in Fractions. Qualifications less than these would have the effect to fix the standard of admission at a lower average than that required by all similar institutions, and would cause it to occupy the position and to do the work of the Grammar Schools. If scholars were admitted who could not pass the required examination, they would be a constant restraint upon the progress of the large majority of those who do pass it, making the whole school, indeed, to wait until they had learned in the High School what they ought to have obtained in the Grammar School. If instances have occurred where parents have considered it a hardship that their children were not admitted, notwithstanding their deficiencies, because they have paid taxes to support the school, they will, it is hoped, upon consideration of the reasons presented, acquiesce in the standard adopted by the Committee, especially as no injury is done to the candidate, and in view of the fact that the examinations are conducted with rigid impartiality and at the same time with a sincere desire to admit all who can, by a liberal construction of the standard, be passed.

If there are those who object to paying money, in the form of taxes, for the education of other men's children, having none of their own to be educated, we beg them to consider that every man has an interest in the children of his neighbor, and of all his neighbors and townsmen — whether they be virtuously brought up and educated ac-

cording to the standard of the times, or be left to come up to the estate of manhood and womanhood a reproach and discredit, by their want of culture and the opportunity for it, to the community, which can and ought to afford them every reasonable facility. We beg them to consider that the obligation rests upon the same wise principle which requires the citizen to assist in supporting common schools, roads, bridges, court-houses, alms-houses and the like; but chiefly we ask them to consider that the power and influence of a community or a state consists not mainly in its soil, its climate, its minerals, or even its money valuation, but in its men and women, if their mental and moral development has been commensurate with the requirements of the age in which they live.

In support of, and to furnish the High School, the Committee have expended, in all, since its commencement, the sum of \$6,862.50. This includes outlay for school furniture, apparatus, library, &c., &c., much of which will last many years, as fixtures. Of this gross sum two thousand has been realized from the Stevens Fund of \$10,000, the Fiske donation, and from tuition,—leaving the sum of \$4,862.50 paid by the town.

The Committee claim to have acted in all things solely with reference to the good of the institution and of the town. They have managed its finances with the same economy and care which they would bestow upon their private concerns. They have not only made no charge for very considerable amount of time spent and responsibility incurred, but have been at individual expense, in behalf of the school, which they have not asked to have refunded. And they freely express their opinion that the net amount mentioned herein as paid by the town is small, compared with the advantages obtained, the benefits already derived and to be derived in succeeding years, and the reputation the school has already established.

The Committee deem it proper to refer here to the provision made in the Will of the late Mrs. E. B. Alden, by the advice of her husband, by which the reversion of their joint estate, amounting now to the handsome sum of between three and four thousand dollars, is secured to Stevens High School; the interest of which is to be annually distributed in prizes for best scholarship. Considering that this sum represents the accumulated savings of a joint life of labor and economy, it is a noble benefaction, and its influence will be felt among successive generations of

scholars, stimulating them to strive for higher and yet higher attainments in all useful knowledge and virtuous living.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to express the hope and belief, that the town will continue to cherish and uphold the school as the most beneficent and valuable secular institution ever established here. This the town should do to get the benefit of what they have already expended. The school building, built in part by the town, is a substantial and elegant edifice, well adapted to and sufficient for our wants. The school successfully established, and has already accomplished what cannot be measured by dollars and cents. It has already induced the settlement among us of families who will hereafter aid us in its support, and as its reputation and stability become confirmed it will be a powerful attraction to others. And we trust and believe that the time is not distant when, from the aid of those who shall cast their lot with us to share its benefits, the expense of its maintenance will not be felt as a burden, even though its support should always depend upon the supplies annually voted by the town. In that sense, if in no other, it is, and always will be, a self-supporting institution.

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